GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1990
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2007
KEROSENE MIXED PETROL AND DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of cases of adulteration of petrol and diesel with the kerosene oil/ethanol detected during the last three years;

(b) the action taken by the Government against culprits found to be involved in such adulteration; and

(c) the results of the action taken in this regard, till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (c): The possibility of adulteration of petrol/diesel by some unscrupulous elements cannot be ruled out due to huge price difference between petrol/diesel and various adulterants available in the market and the easy miscibility of these products with petrol/diesel. As regards ethanol, according to IS: 2796:2000 amendment 5, it is recommended that upto 5% anhydrous denatured ethanol (conforming to IS 15464:2004) can be used for blending with motor gasoline. Petrol blended with 5% ethanol meets BIS specification for petrol in totality. Thus, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are permitted to sell petrol blended with 5% ethanol. Accordingly, ethanol blended petrol with 5% ethanol is being dispensed from retail outlets in certain States.

State-wise details of number of cases of adulteration of petrol and diesel detected by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and action taken during the last three years is at Annex.

ANNEX TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1990 FOR ANSWER ON 29 NOVEMBER 2007

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF NUMBER OF CASES OF ADULTERATION OF PETROL AND DIESEL DETECTED BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR OIL MARKETING COMPANIES (OMCS) AND ACTION TAKEN DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS, I.E. 2004-05, 2005-06 AND 2006-07

2004-052005-062006-07Name of StatesA & N Islands000Andhra Pradesh61512Arunachal Pradesh000 Assam001Bihar286Chandigarh200Chattishgarh185D&N Haveli000Daman and Diu000Delhi363Goa030 Gujarat18818Haryana648Himachal Pradesh010Jammu and Kashmir132Jharkhand101Karnataka1176 Kerala374Lakshadweep000Madhya Pradesh81015Maharashtra141012Manipur001Meghalaya000Mizoram000 Nagaland010Orissa384Puducherry000Punjab13108Rajasthan121413Sikkim000Tamil Nadu11611Tripura 000Uttar Pradesh212619Uttarakhand311West Bengal7154Total146171154Action TakenTermination on account of adulteration 153084